



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Dare County

Dare County received more than \$70 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Dare County total.



New COPS:

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Small Business Jobs:

115



Appliances rebated:

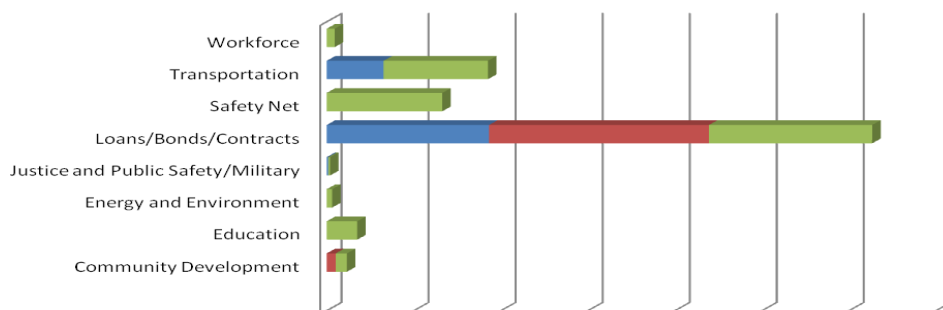
49



Family homes financed:

15

**Dare
County Totals**



Dare County,
pop 33,920 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$44,028,961.15
Loans: \$5,785,142
Bonds: \$20,407,156

Total: \$70,321,259.15



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Dare County schools received \$8 million in education funding, including \$1 million in Special Education funds, \$350,000 in Title I funds, \$2.8 million in SFSF funds, \$240,000 in Race to the Top funding and a \$3.5 million bond allocation.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Dare County, 15 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$3 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Dare County retailers sold 49 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Dare County 17 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$1.5 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 115 jobs.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Dare County, car dealers sold 36 cars worth almost \$750,000 through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Dare County, the Town of Kill Devil Hills received 1 officer funded through a COPS Grant. In addition, the Governor's Crime Commission gave Kill Devil Hills a \$4,000 JAG grant to help outfit and equip the new officer.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Dare County, the Town of Kill Devil Hills received a water and sewer grant for 112,500.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Dare County, the Dare County Government received an EECBG grant of \$357,344 to upgrade lighting and heading in three county buildings; upgrade to energy efficient windows in a Kill Devil Hills facility, upgrade lighting in a Nags Head facility and Dare County Schools to improve lighting and install room occupancy sensors in schools. Additionally the Town of Duck received a SEP grant to install a geothermal heating and cooling project for their City Hall and Fire Station.



Military Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included approximately \$7.4 billion in defense-related appropriations. This includes funding for all service areas and the Army Corps of Engineers. Recovery Act funding addressed some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. The Recovery Act included assistance to service members, upgrades aimed to improve the quality of life for troops and their families, funded three new facilities, and two new VA hospitals in North Carolina, addressing critical needs across the state. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding for our energy research programs, so that Department of Defense (DOD) can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence. North Carolina had 103 military projects funded for a total of \$166 million.

In Dare County, the Army Corps of Engineers contracted for more than \$12 million worth of improvements.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Dare County residents received more than \$10.5 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$1.2 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$1.5 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Dare County Feature Story

Recovery Funds Help Access and Safety in Dare County

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \$4.6 billion for the civil works program and around \$2 billion for military programs missions through the Department of Defense.

USACE identified many potential civil works projects that meet the criteria of the legislation for funding. USACE selected projects across the U.S. and USACE programs to provide the nation with inland and coastal navigation, environmental, flood risk management, hydropower, recreation, and more.

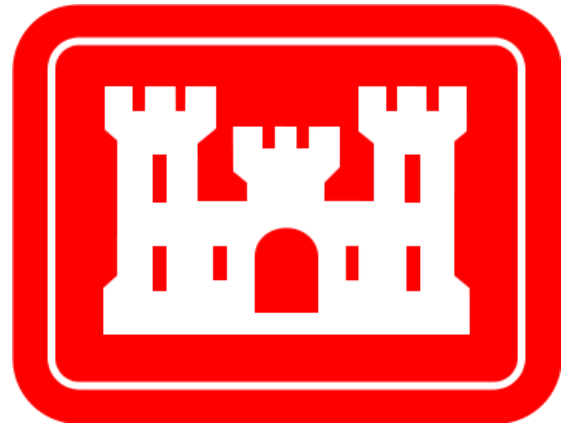
The Corps followed the Recovery Act's general principle to manage and expend funds to achieve the Act's stated purposes, including commencing expenditures and activities as quickly as possible. Other core principles of ARRA that guided the Corps include transparency, prudent management, economic impact to area, long term economic recovery, and job creation. Many of the programs selected by the Corps were often long overdue and provided employment for people who otherwise would not have an income, which supports the primary goal of ARRA while the economy recovers.



The Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay project is a product of extensive investigation, analysis and coordination for over 30 years. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe, reliable navigable channel from the Atlantic Ocean through Oregon Inlet to Roanoke Sound and connecting channels to Pamlico Sound. A previous Corps report identified the need for the proposed project because of the heavy vessel traffic in the Oregon Inlet since it is the only navigable inlet between Cape Henry, Virginia, and Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina. A report projecting commercial fish landings through Oregon Inlet indicated that vessels from many other North Carolina ports as well as other states use Oregon Inlet when conditions permit safe navigation. Vessels using the inlet represent both commercial and recreational fishing interests.

When the ARRA funds became available, the Corps moved ahead with existing plans to perform maintenance dredging within the Oregon Inlet Ocean Bar (vicinity of Herbert C Bonner Bridge) to a half channel width, to full channel dimensions and a 200-Ft channel widener. The plan also identified and ascertained environmental clearances for disposal of dredged material for a 20-year duration and biological monitoring required for allowing disposal of dredged material onto the shoreline of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge.

The Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company was awarded this contract in mid-2009, and completed the project in early 2010. Between mid-2009 to March 2010, 1.2 million cubic yards of maintenance material was removed from the Oregon Inlet Spit Channel and the Ocean Bar. The contract created around 50 jobs for the life of the project.



Appendix, Dare County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$18,599,656.00	
		Henderson, County Of	P			\$1,807,500.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$151,000.00		
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$3,178,642.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$1,232,985.57		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Dare, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$357,344.00	\$0.00	
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Kill Devil Hills, Town Of	P	\$163,410.00		\$0.00	\$163,410.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Kill Devil Hills, Town Of	P	\$19,553.00		\$0.00	\$19,553.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Kill Devil Hills, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,998.99	\$0.00	
		Nags Head, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$13,787.00	\$0.00	
				\$0.00	\$13,787.00	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$10,494,158.08		
DOD							
DOI							
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Kill Devil Hills, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$112,522.00	\$0.00	

Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Albemarle & Associates, Ltd	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
		Coastal Gunit	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$791,852.45
		Construction Company					
		Manteo, Town Of, Inc	S	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$350,033.00		\$0.00	\$350,033.00
				\$252,719.00		\$0.00	\$2,719.00
				\$313,642.00		\$0.00	\$313,642.00
				\$3,365,787.00		\$0.00	\$3,365,787.00
				\$1,260,513.00		\$0.00	\$1,260,513.00
				\$1,000,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00
		Roberson Contracting, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$315,588.16
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$282,875.70
		Rpc Contracting, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00
			SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
		V.H.P. Enterprises, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,069,000.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$14,290.10
National Park Service.	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Combined Building	P	\$35,810.00		\$0.00	\$35,810.00
		R. J. Thomas Manufacturing Company, Inc.	P	\$60,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$47,690.00		\$0.00	\$47,690.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Dare County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$2,883,581.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Dare County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$241,832.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Dare County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$357,025.00	\$0.00	
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants,	Dare County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$36,652.00	\$0.00	

	Recovery Act					
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Dare County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$931,200.00	\$0.00
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	A. R. Chesson Construction Co., Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$183,606.30
		Cahoon & Kasten Architects	PV	\$0.00		\$67,593.60
		Outer Banks Community Development Corp	P	\$0.00	\$1,034,000.00	\$1,034,000.00
		Rose, Harrison & Gilreath	PV	\$0.00		\$2,000.00
		The Affordable Housing Group	PV	\$0.00		\$12,500.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	Bayside Body Shop Inc	L		\$135,700.00	
		Dockside Hatteras, Inc.	L		\$35,000.00	
		Ff Shops Of Nags Head, LLC	L		\$350,000.00	
		Gresham Photography	L		\$35,000.00	
		Jennifer A. Harmon	L		\$50,000.00	
		Lasting Effect Frame Shop And	L		\$35,000.00	
		Pledger Palace Child Developme	L		\$27,500.00	
		Red Drum Pottery	L		\$35,000.00	
		Robert B. Keys	L		\$35,000.00	
		Ronald L. Williams	L		\$35,000.00	
		Southern Scapes Landscape & De	L		\$25,000.00	
		Steamers	L		\$616,000.00	
		Sun Bums LLC	L		\$48,300.00	
		Vicki L. Harrison	L		\$50,000.00	
		Wade Tillett Septics & Excavat	L		\$160,000.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$1,565,250.00	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only	No CFDA for Contract type awards	David Miller & Associates, Inc.	P	\$711,366.00	\$0.00	\$711,366.00
		Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, LLC	P	\$11,922,162.51	\$0.00	\$11,922,162.51
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	No CFDA for Contract type	Hatchell Concrete, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,200.00

awards					
	Ls3p Associates Ltd.	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76,264.00
	MWH Constructors, Inc.	P	\$5,881,153.00	\$0.00	\$5,444,654.28
	R.P.C. Contracting, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$436,498.72
USACE					
Grand Total			\$25,383,838.51	\$18,645,122.64	\$26,292,298.00
					\$32,008,608.82

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.